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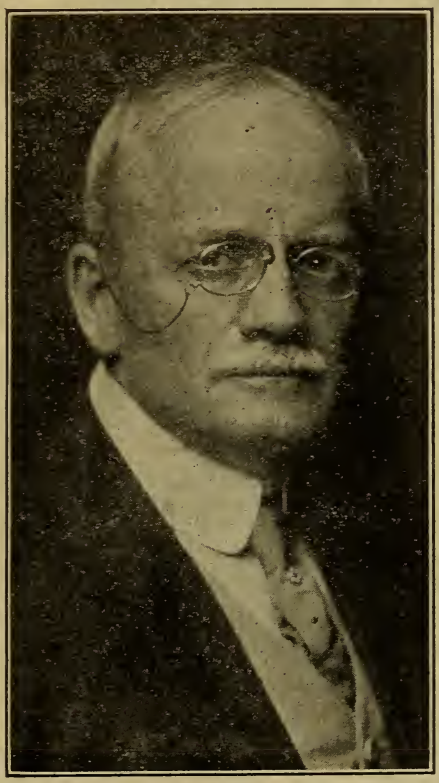

SPEECH OF

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## LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FELLOW REPUBLICANS:

### PART I.

### CALL FOR STATE CONVENTION.

On or about the 17th day of February, 1912, the Republican State Committee of West Virginia issued a call for a State Convention to be held in the City of Huntington, upon the 16th day of May, 1912. This call declared the convention to be convened for the purpose of electing six Delegates at Large and six Alternates at Large to the National Republican Convention, to be held upon the 18th day of the succeeding month of June, in Chicago, Ill., three Presidential Electors and two judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals; who should all be voted for in the November election following.

### CALL REGULAR IN FORM, REVOLUTIONARY IN FACT.

The call was regular and in due form. In one particular it was peculiar and unprecedented:—To-wit:—It required the Republican voters of the State to meet together in mass convention in EVERY magisterial District in the State and in and from these County Mass conventions to send Delegates direct to the State Convention at Huntington. The call ignored County and Congress-District lines; it required the Republican voters of the entire state to assemble in nearly four hundred County-District mass conventions and themselves then and there choose Delegates who should go up direct to the final State Convention. The call was almost revolutionary in its provisions wherein it attempted to assure a State Convention composed of Delegates fresh and direct from the people and who should, consequently, be able to reflect and express with the highest exactness the sentiment and preference of the Republican voters of the State. To all intents and purposes, the call provided a method which should be as conclusive in determining the Will of the Republican voters of the State, as [illegible] been a state-wide primary.

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### CONGRESS-DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

Acting in harmonious accord with the State Committee, the several Congress-District Committees in due time called, also, their several conventions, and likewise directed the Republican voters within their respective Congress-Districts to meet in County-District Mass Conventions, at the same time and places as named in the call of the State Committee, for the purpose, among other things, of selecting delegates to the several Congress-District Conventions—which, by agreement, were all called to convene in their respective Congress-Districts on the 15th day of May—being the day preceding the date set for the meeting of the State Convention at Huntington. Thus, the several Congress-District Conventions were assured of being made up of delegates coming direct from the people, also, and who might be expected as perfectly to reflect the will and purpose of the Republican voters of the Congress-Districts, as would the delegates going up from the same County-District Mass Conventions to the subsequently convening State Convention.

### FOUR HUNDRED CONVENTIONS DULY HELD.

It is a matter of history that these almost four hundred County-District Mass conventions were duly held; that the several Congress-District Conventions were likewise duly held; and that the State Convention at Huntington met and performed the duties for which it assembled.

### FREE EXPRESSION GIVEN.

It is known that throughout the state, in these many County-Mass Conventions, the Republican voters met together in greatest harmony and gave free and direct expression to their sentiment regarding the action of the several Congress-District and State Conventions, subsequently to be held.

These County-District Mass Conventions of the Republican voters, revealed two things:—First, that the voters stood almost solidly for the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt as Candidate for President of the United States; and second, that they were against all men and all measures savoring of opposition to what are universally known as "the Roosevelt Progressive Policies."

### FOR ROOSEVELT AND EDWARDS.

When the several Congress-District Conventions met upon the 15th day of May, and chose each their electors and their Delegates and Alternates to the National Republican Convention at Chicago, they, with extraordinary unanimity, instructed their Delegates and Alternates to support the candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt; and, furthermore, either elected Delegates and Alternates favorable to the selection of William Seymour Edwards as Member of the Republican National Committee for West Virginia, or, as in the III, IV and V Congress-Districts, instructed directly for him.

When the State Convention met at Huntington the following day, May 16th, the sentiment of the Delegates spoke with similar emphasis, and six Delegates at Large and six Alternates at Large were chosen, and instructed to support the candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt for nomination for President of the United States, "First, last and all the time;" and, unanimous instructions were given these Delegates to declare William Seymour Edwards member of the Republican National Committee for West Virginia.

### COMMANDS TO DELEGATES.

Thus, all Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention, selected by Congress-District Conventions and by the State Convention, were instructed for Theodore Roosevelt and for William Seymour Edwards; and it is to be presumed that this action of these conventions, unanimous in every instance, reflected an equally positive sentiment upon the part of the Republican voters behind them.

### ROOSEVELT ELECTORS CHOSEN.

In the case of the three electors chosen by the State Convention at Huntington, and the five electors chosen, one each, by the respective Congress-District Conventions, the sentiment revealed in selecting them was equally pronounced, for not only were they selected at Huntington by a convention dominated by the Roosevelt sentiment (732 Roosevelt Delegates to 161 Taft Delegates), but they were chosen from among men known and proven to be sincere and true supporters of the Progressive Roosevelt policies, and whom it

was deemed neither craft nor graft could seduce or detach from the cause of the plain people, for which the Roosevelt Candidacy then stood and yet stands today. And all of whom, it was believed, would perform their full duties under the constitution.

### ALL CONVENTIONS REGULAR.

In all of these County Mass Conventions, Congress-District and State Conventions the proceedings were regular, unchallenged and conclusive—they were thoroughly representative of the sentiment and will of the Sovereign Republican voters of the State.

### STATE-WIDE PRIMARY.

At a subsequent date, upon the 4th day of June, 1912, pursuant to due call of the Republican State Committee, a state-wide primary was held in which State and Congressional nominees, and county candidates for the Legislature (House of Delegates and Senate), were duly chosen by the Republican electorate of the State.

### FULL TICKET IN STATE NOW CHOSEN.

Thus, we have before us today, Eight Presidential Electors, a full State ticket, full Congressional tickets and full County tickets, which the Republican voters of the state will vote upon at the elections to be held upon the second Tuesday of November next.

### DELEGATES TRUE TO INSTRUCTIONS.

Obeying the instructions originally emanating from the people in their County-District Mass Conventions and transmitted through their Congress-District and State Conventions to their Delegates to Chicago, those Delegates remained true to the indicated Will of the sovereign voters, performing loyally and consistently those high duties with which they were charged.

### COMMANDS TO DELEGATES.

Two commands had been laid upon these Delegates:

(1) To support the candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt, and the policies of the Square Deal for which he stands, and

(2) To formally elect the already chosen National Committeeman, theretofore instructed for by the Republican voters of the State, William Seymour Edwards.

### STAND OF DELEGATES WELL KNOWN.

It is a matter well known, how faithfully and fearlessly your Delegates carried out these commands; how in the National Convention, and out of it, your Delegates stood to a man for integrity, for honor and for fair-play.

How, they stood like a rock of adamant against dishonesty, high-handed steam-roller tactics, corrupt and corrupting use of public patronage, heinous prostitution of place and power.

How, they opposed unfalteringly the unconscionable and unscrupulous methods employed by an already discredited and expiring majority of the Republican National Committee, in seating partizan contestants, who were neither morally nor legally entitled to seats upon the floor of the convention, whereby was made up a dishonest Temporary Roll of Delegates.

How, they withstood the bold and unfair conspiracy of a packed and partizan majority of the Committee on Credentials to seat in the Convention, as permanent Delegates, men having neither legal nor equitable right to such representation!

How, they withstood the partizan ruling of the Temporary Chairman of the convention, holding as all honest men must hold, that no man is entitled in justice to sit upon a jury which tries his own crime or that of his accomplices, when that Chairman permitted such contested claimants to vote as members of the convention upon cases similar to their own, thereby helping to create precedents in their own behalf, to be used when their own cases should in due course be presented to the consideration of the convention!

### REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE.

How they, upon this final, flagrant and iniquitous abuse of right, thereafter refused to take further part in the proceedings of a convention which they deemed to be sitting morally and legally in contravention of the expressed and declared will of the majority of the Republican voters of the Nation, as well as in flagrant contravention to the expressed and declared will of the great majority of the Republican voters of the State of West Virginia.

How, the Delegates of West Virginia, in full accord with delegates from twenty great Republican states, (to-wit:

the states of California, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, (North Carolina), Ohio, (Oklahoma), Oregon, North Dakota, South Dakota, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and two from Vermont and thirteen from New York, refused to further participate in the transactions of a convention whose proceedings had already been thus vitiated by persistent and flagrant fraud.

### REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE NOMINATION.

How they, along with those Delegates representing twenty great Republican States, and representing a majority of more than *Two Millions* of the Republican Voters of the nation, refused to participate in or recognize as valid a so called nomination put upon the country by bold and deliberate fraud.

It is a matter well known, how they in company with delegates representing an overwhelming majority of the Republican electorate of the Nation, knowing themselves and the people behind them to be responsive to a positive and honorable sentiment for the nomination of a candidate representative of the proposition that THE PEOPLE, and not the Machine and Bosses shall Rule, and against the nomination of any candidate representative of privilege and vested power, returned from that convention free to declare that the so-called nominations of Wm. H. Taft and James S. Sherman were, by reason of their iniquity and wrong, IRREGULAR and not binding upon the Republican voters of this State and Nation, either in conscience or in law.

### PROCEEDINGS OF CONVENTION NOW HISTORY.

All of these proceedings of the Convention herein set forth are now inscribed upon the pages of history and lie wide open to the gaze and scrutiny of an attentive world.

There are indelibly writ:—

### INJUSTICE OF EXPIRING NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The fierce and intolerant strangling of justice on the part of the already discredited and expiring National Committee, whose moribund majority had already been wiped out by the newly chosen Committeemen, newly sent up from states where bosses and machines had been wholly or partially

smashed and the people had in greater or lesser measure regained their right to rule, viz.: California, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Washington and West Virginia, and which committee in the dying moments of its power, conspired to rob the nation, and to rob you, of the fruits of your already spoken Will, through the making up of an untrue Temporary Roll of Delegates.

### THEFT BY COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The ruthless and unblushing theft of regularly chosen Delegates by a packed and predacious Committee on Credentials, in its attempt to consummate the political rape already incited by the discredited majority of the expiring National Committee!

### UNFAIR RULINGS OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.

The arrogant and unfair rulings of a temporary chairman, elected by fraudulent votes, and playing the game to the wanton limit of his masters' will.

### TAFT'S STOLEN NOMINATION HOPELESS.

The apparent momentary triumph of dishonesty and crooked practice, by which was secured the seeming nomination of Wm. H. Taft by the pitiful margin of twenty one votes; and of whose accredited total of five hundred and sixty one votes, there were deliberately stolen not less than ninety, while two hundred and fourteen (allowing for eight Texas votes deducted and included in the ninety) of the remaining votes were manipulated out of eleven southern democratic states (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia), the District of Columbia, three Dependencies (Hawaii, the Phillipines and Porto Rico), and the Territory of Alaska, all of which elect not a single Republican elector, and two votes which were tricked out of the State of Massachusetts; whereby it becomes painfully evident that the Taft candidacy received, at most, barely two hundred and fifty-five votes from actual Republican states, which at best could not hope to elect more than one hundred and twenty-seven electors out of the two hundred and sixty-six electors necessary to choose a President.

### THIEVING BOSSES FOR THEMSELVES ONLY.

And whereby, a purported nomination was foisted upon the Republican voters of the Nation, misrepresentative of the sentiment and wishes of a majority of the electorate, and, on its face, impossible to carry into successful election. A vain attempt of party bosses and vested privilege to itself retain control of the machinery of power at the cost of the welfare and wishes of the majority of the Republican voters of the Nation.

### TAFT AND SHERMAN NOT THE REGULAR NOMINEES.

It is because of these momentous and flagrant political crimes, because of this theft of your and my own political rights, and of the political rights of the free people of the Nation, that I, as one of your Delegates who witnessed and participated in the transactions of that convention, feel in conscience bound to now solemnly protest that William H. Taft and James Schoolcraft Sherman are not the honestly chosen and Regularly nominated candidates of the Republican party of the Nation, nor, yet more, of the Republican party of this state.

### ROOSEVELT THE REGULAR NOMINEE.

And I do not hesitate to here assert that the only Regular Nominee of the Republicans of the Nation and of the State of West Virginia, representative of the sentiment of a majority of the great Republican states, representative of a majority of more than two millions of the Republican voters of the United States, representative of nine tenths of the Republican voters of the State of West Virginia, is and can be none other than THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

While it may be true, that in this state there exist, here and there, a largely patronage-fed and place-hunting minority who adhere to the Republican Party so long as its dimes and dollars adhere to them, and who, hoping for place and profit, now announce themselves as for the candidacy of Mr. Taft, yet, on the other hand, as demonstrated by the sentiment overwhelmingly expressed in the series of notable conventions already held in this State during the past four months, there exists a great and increasing majority of Republican voters, men who have been and are today the back-bone and sinew of the Republican party in

West Virginia, who recognize the inevitable and certain nomination of Theodore Roosevelt in the June Convention at Chicago, if it had not been for the open and notorious theft of delegates there committed.

### ROOSEVELT REPUBLICANS CONTROL PARTY.

In this State, where the rank and file of the Republican party stand nine to one for Theodore Roosevelt and the Progressive Policies of the Square Deal, and where the majority does and must govern, how absurd is it to pretend that the ten per cent. can or ought to rule the ninety per cent.—that the tail shall wag the dog—and that the steadfast majority, adhering to their determinations heretofore overwhelmingly expressed in their many County-District, Congress-District and State Conventions, shall now surrender to already discredited minorities and yield their ancient and unchallenged right to be what, in fact, they are—the real REPUBLICAN PARTY of West Virginia!

### CONCERN OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY OVER REPUBLICAN REGULARITY.

At the present moment, the Democratic Party is giving itself great concern over what is by it declared to be the "Regularity" of the Republican voters in West Virginia, and they are trying to make out that the great majority of the Republican voters of this state, who, I dare to assert, stand nine to one for the Roosevelt candidacy as against the candidacy of Mr. Taft, have become "Irregular" because they still stand where they have always stood, for Common Honesty and the Square Deal!

Where originates this strange doctrine, which teaches that because men stand for Honesty and the Square Deal, that they thereby become Irregular, while the conspiring thief, who profits by the felony, shall be counted Regular? What fantastic perversion of the practice of good morals and fair play is this pretense?

### STOLEN NOMINATION IRREGULAR.

The great Convention at Chicago became IRREGULAR the very moment it became dominated by a stolen majority conspiring to sand-bag the voters of the State and Nation; and the candidacy of THEODORE ROOSEVELT became

REGULAR and inevitable the very moment that the Delegates reflecting the public conscience of a majority of more than two millions of the Republican voters of the Nation, refused to further participate in the proceedings of that Convention, for the reason that therein a great political crime had been committed.

### IS FOREBODED AND FORETOLD.

How solemn the occasion! How ominous the spectacle!

The honestly elected delegates, representative of a majority of the great Republican States of the land, within the womb of whose constant majorities is nurtured all permanent Republican power in the Nation, sitting in angry, silent protest; representing in their dignity and wrath more than four millions of the Republican voters of the Nation, and actual majorities of more than two millions of Republican votes, with the consequent majority of those Electors, all of whom are needed to elect a Republican President!

It foreboded the inevitable and crushing defeat of the Irregular and Dishonestly nominated candidates of the actual or real minority, Wm. H. Taft and James S. Sherman.

It foretold, with portentious significance, that, within the clean hearts of the Republican masses of the land, Honesty must ever be the test of REGULARITY, and that those candidates who shall be Honestly nominated in convention and primary, and those alone, shall be taken to be the REGULAR candidates of the Republican Party .

### ROOSEVELT SENTIMENT RULES KANAWHA.

Reflecting the ruling sentiment of the Republican voters of the great county of Kanawha, of the men who toil, of the men who make this great county the chiefest of the mining and oil producing counties of the State of West Virginia, I stood last April for the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt, and all which that candidacy meant; and standing so, was backed by the solid and dominating votes of Kanawha's Republican electorate. Today, the Republican rank and file of Kanawha County, so far as I am able to discern, stand now where they stood three months ago. They are still overwhelmingly for the candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt and the progressive policies he represents!

### ROOSEVELT SENTIMENT RULES WEST VIRGINIA.

Reflecting the ruling sentiment of the Republican voters of West Virginia, as it is today, it is my information and observation that they, like their brothers in Kanawha, yet stand even as pronouncedly as they stood three months ago, for the candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt and the proposition that the People, not machines and bosses, ought to rule and shall Rule!

The Republican voters of West Virginia stand today where they stood at the time of the holding of the County-District Mass Conventions, the Congress-District and State Conventions, and the State-wide Primary. They are for Hatfield, they are for the State, Congressional and County tickets, and they still hold Theodore Roosevelt in their hearts!

### THE STATE PLATFORM IS PROGRESSIVE.

The platform adopted at the State Convention at Huntington is as progressive and as alive to the commanding issues of the day as any in the land. In this alert and advancing commonwealth, the Republican Party, rank and file, is a Progressive Party. It is in full accord and sympathy with the Progressive Republican majorities of the Nation.

### SUPPORT OF STATE TICKET ONLY TEST OF REGULARITY.

As has already been declared by the Republican Party in Convention assembled, in the great Progressive state of Iowa, held some two weeks ago, the test of Regularity in West Virginia as in Iowa, and the only test, is and alone can be, the support of our already nominated State and Congressional Tickets!

### MATTER OF CONSCIENCE.

Whether or no the Republicans of West Virginia shall stultify themselves by supporting the Irregular and Stolen nomination of W. H. Taft and James S. Sherman, or whether they shall stand steadfast for the Regularity of Honesty, and consequently, support the candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt, is a matter of conscience, to be decided between each individual and his God!

You and I, in all equity and good conscience, are the Regular Republicans of West Virginia. You and I, in our representative capacities, stand for the overwhelming sentiment of the Republican masses of this State and Nation!

### CANDIDATES MUST MERIT SUPPORT OF ROOSEVELT REPUBLICANS.

It is the pride of our Republicanism that we stand in full and cordial support of our State and Congressional tickets, for all that the Republican majorities in West Virginia have declared, but, none the less, it is fair, it is of good sooth to all candidates, that we say to them in perfect frankness, that if they desire to profit by the dominating sentiment of the Roosevelt movement in this state, then it is up to them, each and all, to merit its esteem!

### ROOSEVELT CANDIDACY AND PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO RULE ARE ONE.

The Candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt for President of these United States and the Party Platform declaring for the People's Right to Rule already glow emblazened in the sky! They stand and fall together, and no Republican candidate who does not cordially sympathize with the great popular movement they represent, stands, or ought to stand, any chance of election to office in West Virginia!

### INSTRUCT ELECTORS FOR ROOSEVELT.

Furthermore, it is your primitive right, and mine, repudiating the irregularity and the fraudulent transactions of the misrepresentative convention in Chicago (held in June), to rise in our sovereign might and by our votes, when cast next November, thereby instruct our already selected Electors how we require them to cast their ballots in the Electoral College in December next!

By the doctrine and teaching of the Constitution of the United States, they are left free to act. They are beyond the authority of any individual man or group of men. It is reserved to their own calm and deliberate judgment, as the representatives of the sentiment of the majority of the Republican voters of their state, so to cast their votes in the Electoral College, that they shall thereby express the Will of the sovereign voters who elect them.

It is now up to you and to those sovereign Republican voters, so to arrange it that the instructions given these Electors shall be clear and unquestioned . Your majorities must be conclusive.

This, I take it, is what you are now gathered here to do. Whether you shall speak through the scratching of your ballot, or whether you shall speak through the technical

necessity of presenting to the people a separate Progressive Republican Ticket, it is all the same. It is your business as lovers of justice, as men raised in the great traditions of Protest, from which sprang the great Free Soil party of 1856, and the greater Republican party of 1860, to assert your manhood, your highest sense of good citizenship, and by your ballots, when they are cast, to rebuke the wrong and make good the right and declare your will beyond all peradventure and all doubt!

### STEADFAST ARE WEST VIRGINIANS.

We West Virginians are a steadfast people! Descended from heroes who fought the battles of our country for more than two hundred years, we are not wont to run when we stand upon the fighting lines. When we espouse a righteous cause we stand by it, we fight for it, we die for it if need be, or we triumph in the end.

O Men who are bred to the mountains!
O Women who dwell in the dales!
Ye've learned that from Liberty's fountains
'Tis justice that ever prevails!
Like thy fathers who watched on the border,
Defending the line of the west
From Indian and Gallic marauder,
Their sons, ye are true to the test!

They perished with Braddock at Pittsburgh;
They, starving, held grim Valley Forge;
With Washington conquered at Trenton;
At Yorktown, smote tyrant King George;
At New Orleans they shot straight with Jackson;
Buena Vista's great victory gain,
When Taylor broke fierce Santa Ana,
Revenging the Alamo's slain!

And when the dark cloud of Secession
Came creeping over the land;
When slavery's sullen aggression
From whimper turned into command,
Then, instant, from mountain and valley,
From mansion and cabin, as one,
At the first call of Lincoln they rally,
And save what their fathers have won!

### GREATEST MORAL CRISIS.

We are now facing the greatest moral crisis which has confronted the nation since the glories and the tears of the Civil War! Then, justice smote slavery and God gave us strength, under the leadership of Abraham Lincoln, to make men free.

Now again, are we facing an issue as greatly fraught as then with momentous moral consequences to the Nation: SHALL THE PEOPLE OR THE BOSSES RULE? The Lord God of Hosts will not now forsake his people in this their hour of need!

## PART II.

### THE NEW NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN.

Now, as to the second mandate laid upon your Delegation to Chicago:—

The Republican voters of West Virginia in their several County-Mass Conventions, either elected Delegates favorable to, or instructed them for, William Seymour Edwards as member of the National Republican Committee to succeed the late Senator Nathan B. Scott, therein and thereby expressing their desires and commands. Never before in the history of the Republican party in West Virginia had the sovereign people taken it into their own hands to render so widespread an expression of their will in the matter of filling fitly this important post!

### CONGRESS-DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTIONS INSTRUCT.

Responding to the expressed sentiment of the County-Mass Conventions, the Congress-District Conventions in the I and II Congress-Districts selected National Delegates favorable to the wishes of the voters as already expressed; and in the III, IV and V Congress-District Conventions, and in the State Convention, unanimous instructions were given, directing the Delegation of West Virginia, at the National Republican Convention at Chicago, to carry out the will of the Republican voters of the State

### DELEGATION AT CHICAGO ELECTS.

At the meeting of the West Virginia delegation, held in Chicago upon the 18th day of June, 1912, the Delegation unanimously elected William Seymour Edwards Member of the National Republican Committee, giving expression

thereby to the will of the sovereign Republican voters of the State of West Virginia.

### CHOICE DECLARED TO NATIONAL CONVENTION.

At a subsequent hour, upon the same day, the Chairman of the West Virginia Delegation, Governor Wm. E. Glasscock, duly notified the National Convention, through the usual channels, of the action of the West Virginia Republicans, and this action was to that Convention formally declared.

### WILL OF THE PEOPLE PREVAILS.

Thereupon, Mr. Edwards, by virtue of the will of the sovereign voters of the Republican Party of West Virginia, and responsible to them and to none other, as their chosen and declared representative upon the National Republican Committee, entered upon the duties of that post.

Thus, as a Delegate duly chosen and empowered by the sovereign Republican voters of West Virginia, and as the Representative of these voters upon the Republican National Committee, it is my privilege to say to you and to the sovereign Republican voters of this state, that the Delegation unanimously ratified your choice for Member of the Republican National Committee for West Virginia, and thereby made it possible, for the first time in many years, that you should be represented upon that Committee by a Committeeman responsive to your Sovereign Will!

That the Delegation, throughout all sessions of that National Convention, in full sympathy with the overwhelming sentiment you had theretofore expressed, and obedient to your commands, stood steadfast to the end, and, even yet so stands, for Theodore Roosevelt and the Progressive Square Deal Policies his candidacy represents.

### WE DARE TO PROTEST.

We are all Republicans, Republicans loyal to the principles of our fathers who stood with Lincoln and with Grant; loyal to the proposition that at all times and in all places, Honesty and Honor must and shall prevail; that dishonesty and wrong shall perish. Nor do we fear to protest and at times to act, when such action translates such protest into an attempt to restore to the Nation those principles of RIGHTEOUSNESS upon which all TRUE PROGRESS must be based!

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